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SUBJECT: EC AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING, MARCH 19

1. ACCORDING TO JEAN SCHLEICH, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE EC AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON ENERGY HELD AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION MARCH 19 ON SUBJECT OF COUNTRY REPRESENTATION AT APRIL 7 PREPCON AND AT EVENTUAL PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE. SCHLEICH SAID THAT BRITISH MADE "RIDICULOUS" DEMANDS IN ASKING FOR THREE SEATS BEHIND EC REPRESENTATIVE AT PREPCON. SCHLEICH INDICATED THAT THE OTHER EC MEMBERS ARE IN NO MOOD TO MAKE SPECIAL
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CONCESSIONS TO THE BRITISH AND ARE LIKELY TO WANT THREE

SEATS EACH IF THE UK HAS THEM. THE DISCUSSION ENDED
INCONCLUSIVELY WITH THE FRENCH SAYING THAT THEY WOULD THINK
ABOUT THE BRITISH REQUEST.

2. WITH REGARD TO IEA PARTICIPATION AT THE PREPCON,
SCHLEICH REPORTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP AGREED
TO ACCEPT IEA PARTICIPATION.

3. CONCERNING THE REPRESENTATION AT AN EVENTUAL
PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE, THE BRITISH MADE IT KNOWN THAT
THEY WANTED SEPARATE REPRESENTATION, WHILE THE OTHERS FAVORED
SOME TYPE OF FORMULA THAT WOULD KEEP THE TOTAL NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS TO A MANAGEABLE NUMBER. HE SAID THAT THERE
WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS
BE LIMITED TO TWENTY. THE EC AD HOC HIGHLEVEL GROUP WILL
CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AT ITS NEXT MEETING APRIL 4.
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